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SUBJECT: REPLY TO MINTOFF

REF: STATE 175092

1. SECRETARY'S REPLY TO MINTOFF LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO POST FOR YOUR DELIVERY TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. A COPY IS BEING SENT TO GAUCI AND THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF ITS CONTENT.
2. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES MINTOFF WILL WANT ADVANCE COPY AND AMBASSADOR SMITH SUGGESTS YOU DELIVER TEXT, WHICH FOLLOWS, TO MINTOFF'S PRIVATE SECRETARY JOE CAMILLERI.
3. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 5 BY WHICH YOU HAVE CONVEYED TO ME YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE SITUATION IN MALTA. IT IS INDEED UNFORTUNATE THAT A SERIES OF MISHAPS HAS GIVEN

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US SO MUCH DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING TO MEET FOR A PERSONAL

DISCUSSION.

"I APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF MALTA, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPIRATION OF THE BRITISH BASE AGREEMENT THREE YEARS HENCE. I CAN WELL UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO BEGIN TIMELY PLANNING FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. WHILE WE ARE NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO COMMENT SUBSTANTIVELY ON THE IDEAS IN YOUR LETTER, WE REMAIN OPEN TO FURTHER EXCHANGES ON THE MATTER AS THE EVENT APPROACHES.

"IT WOULD BE A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT MALTA AT SUCH A TIME AS I COULD ARRANGE IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL WISHES FOR THE UNITED STATES ON THE OCCASION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER" END TEXT KISSINGER

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